

Mayor's Message

March 2011

In the month of March we often think about the luck of the Irish or being green. I have thought about how these annual topics might relate to some of the happenings in our City.

My great friend, Richard Tranter, has announced that he is retiring as superintendent of the Murray School District. We enjoy a unique partnership with our schools as we provide various art programs, D.A.R.E., crossing guards and some shared facilities. Richard has been very open in seeking solutions to challenges that have impacted our residents. I have appreciated his wise, calm demeanor as we have collaborated throughout the years. We have been lucky to have this fine administrator lead many of the schools in the City. I wish him well in his future endeavors.

We are lucky to live in a community that cares for their neighbors. I commend you for watching out for those who live around you with special needs. While we have many attributes that bind us together, this quality gives Murray a feeling of home. Many of our residents contribute countless hours to serve on a variety of volunteer boards in the City. Their input is invaluable and gives us direction on policy that is balanced.

As the Legislative session comes to an end, we are lucky that we have fine people there who represent our interests. They are always willing to listen to any concerns we raise and do their best to promote our causes. The challenges they have addressed this year have been difficult and I salute their efforts.

We are lucky to live in a time when there are many ways to stay in touch with each other and to participate on all levels of government. As a City we have a current website and information on Facebook and Twitter. We are working to bring fiber infrastructure to all residents and businesses that will allow us to meet the needs now and in the future. I hope you will take advantage of the technology that makes life better for you. You can pay bills on-line, sign up for recreation leagues or renew a business license. We are constantly working on ways to make information and services easier.

Finally, besides being lucky to live in such a good City, I am looking forward to seeing green. Spring is just around the corner and will bring everything green back to life. I wish you a great dose of luck in the month of March.